

Introduced by Senator Calderon

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An act to amend Section 711 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

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SB 1180, as introduced, Calderon. Veterans.

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to publicize information pertaining to benefit programs that are available to qualified homeless veterans, using printed material, the department's Internet Web site, or any other method.

This bill would provide that, instead of listing the department's Internet Web site as a method of publication, the department could have the information published on the state, county, city, and department Internet Web sites.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 711 of the Military and Veterans Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 711. (a) The department shall publicize information pertaining
- 4 to benefit programs that are available to qualified homeless
- 5 veterans, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
- 6 (1) The veterans pension programs administered by the United
- 7 States Department of Veterans Affairs (38 U.S.C. Sec. 1501 et
- 8 seq.), especially the eligibility for those veterans who are 65 years
- 9 of age or older or are permanently and totally disabled.

(2) The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program (Public Law 110-161), and any programs that assist homeless veterans in securing rental housing with that information including, to the extent possible, the information that veterans not eligible for loans under the Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1974, and subsequent acts, may be eligible for housing assistance under the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program.

(3) CalFresh (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 18900) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

(b) The department shall publicize this information using any of the following methods:

(1) Printed material, including, but not limited to, flyers and posters, with the information that can be provided to county veterans service offices, homeless shelters, Veterans Affairs hospitals, and other public and private entities that come into contact with homeless veterans.

~~(2) On~~ *By having it published on the department's state, county, city, and department Internet Web-site sites.*

(3) Any other method that the department determines would publicize and create awareness to homeless veterans about the benefit programs available to them.

(c) The information shall also state that veterans may receive assistance from a county veterans service office in applying for any benefits that they may be qualified to receive.